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APPLICANT: R. Formato, et al.
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FOR: COMPOSITE SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES

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Sir:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claim.

118. (amended) A method of producing a composite solid polymer electrolyte membrane (SPEM) comprising a porous polymer substrate interpenetrated with an ion-conducting material, said method comprising the steps of preparing a mixture of the polymer substrate and the ion-conducting material in a common solvent and casting or extruding the composite SPEM from the mixture, and wherein the SPEM is substantially thermally stable to temperatures of at least about 100°C.

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